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1. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TAHA DUGHAIOTHER, INFORMED US DEC 23 THAT THE LETTERS FOR CAMPBELL AND HARRELL FROM THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS THE TWO MESSAGES TO THE "LEADERS OF THE PLF" HAD BEEN PASSED TO AN ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVE THE PREVIOUS DAY.

2. DUGHAIOTHER SAID THAT, AS WE HAD REQUESTED, HE HAD MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO THE ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVE TO USE THE OCCASION OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TO RELEASE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. DUGHAIOTHER SAID THAT HIS INTERLOCUTOR HAD AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO SEE THAT THIS WAS DONE.

3. DUGHAIOTHER ALSO INFORMED US THAT HE HAD INQUIRED
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WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE PACKAGES AND MESSAGES WE HAD

GIVEN THE MINISTRY FOR DELIVERY ON NOVEMBER 8. DUGHATHER SAID THAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE PACKAGES AND MESSAGES "HAD BEEN PASSED" TO THE TWO MEN. THE ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO GET CONFIRMATION THAT THEY HAD IN FACT ARRIVED.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO MORE CONFIDENCE THAN PREVIOUSLY THAT THE SAG'S ERITREAN CONTACTS IN JIDDA ARE AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL TO THE CAPTORS OF HARRELL AND CAMPBELL. WE RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT WE KEEP ON PLUGGING AWAY AT THIS CHANNEL IN THE ABSENCE OF A PROVEN ALTERNATIVE. AT THIS POINT WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE GENERATING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF EMBARRASSMENT. IN NOTHING ELSE THERE SHOULD BE SOME UTILITY IN DEBUNKING THE CLAIMS OF THE SAG'S ERITREAN CONTACTS HERE TO SPEAK FOR THE PLF ON THE GROUNDS IN ERITREA IF IN FACT THEY ARE WITHOUT INFLUENCE.
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